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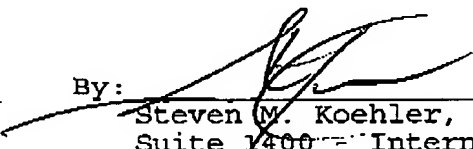
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This is in response to the Office action dated September 21, 2005, in which claims 3-10 were allowed, and claims 2, 11-13 and 15-19 were rejected. The applicant is appreciative of the allowance of claims 3-10. This communication is further in follow-up to the telephone conference conducted by the undersigned, Steven M. Koehler, Reg. No. 36,188, and Bryan F. Erickson, Reg. No. 51,655, with patent examiner Reese on December 19, 2005. The undersigned and Mr. Erickson are appreciative of the time and attention afforded by examiner Reese for the telephone conference. The applicant requests that remaining claims 2, 11-13 and 15-19 be reconsidered and allowed in light of the discussion of the telephone conference and of the remarks herein.

Claims 2, 11-13 and 15-19 were rejected under §103 due to Pejchar (U.S. 758,848) combined with King Jr. (U.S. 3,443,398). However, the applicant believes that Pejchar and King Jr. would not have rendered obvious claims 2, 11-13 and 15-19 to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, as outlined below.